

2003 Shutdown

Kann, Gregory

From: Lambert, Barbara
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 5:42 PM
To: Spencer, Ralph
Subject: FW: Notifying Industry

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From: Sykora, Phillip
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2003 10:58 AM
To: Menard, David; Walker, Junius; Martinez, Katherine L.; Williams, Mary; Prael, Robert
Subject: FW: Notifying Industry

-----Original Message-----

From: Querques Denett, Lucy
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2003 10:41 AM
To: Sykora, Phillip; Smith, Robert B
Cc: Hamilton, Cathy; Gibbs Tschudy, Deborah
Subject: RE: Notifying Industry

I spoke with Debbie and told her that STRAC can be contacted by phone, she has the language. I also approved sending an email from someone's personal computer, from home to the solids reporters, emphasizing they pay, but not to report until we notify them.

We've received nothing from upstairs; will check into that.

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From: Sykora, Phillip
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2003 12:23 PM
To: Smith, Robert B
Cc: Hamilton, Cathy; Querques Denett, Lucy; Gibbs Tschudy, Deborah
Subject: Notifying Industry

Bob and Lucy,

DGT and I just met regarding the notification to industry regarding the shutdown. Lucy, she is going to give you a call.

Because our Inovis and Usi connections are still up, oil and gas reporters are probably OK for now. The main issue right now involves the solids P&R reporters and our State and Tribal partners. Solids reporters cannot report today (the last day of the month.) Debbie wants to tell them NOT to send 2014's until such time as we absolutely must use that avenue. It creates too many messes to clean up. And our State/Tribal partners are cut off from communication; it would be good to have something we can tell them.

So, we have two questions:

--Has someone (DOI/CIO, MMS/CIO or Public Affairs) drafted language for public consumption explaining this shutdown?

--Can we reestablish the external website like we had during the last shutdown? (That one was managed by GOM. If they could reestablish that right away it would make it convenient to communicate with industry.)

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From: Lambert, Barbara
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To: Spencer, Ralph
Subject: FW: Internet shutdown

For the 203 it looks like we did not shut down everything.

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From: Sykora, Phillip
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2003 8:11 AM
To: MRM FM Everyone
Subject: Internet shutdown

Hi all,
So you are probably saying "here we go again!" Hopefully, this time won't be as bad as the last one. So far, only our Internet access has been disabled, not our business systems, and we are working hard to keep those from being brought down.

Here is what happened:

Late last week, the Special Master had some security issues regarding an OSM server. They were not able to reach resolution, so Judge Lamberth issued another temporary restraining order, almost identical to the one from December 2001.

As a first step, our direct Internet connections were taken down. These include:

- Employee and contractor Internet access
- Company access to the P&R
- External access to BRIO

What has not been brought down are our 2 Internet services critical to continuing business operations:

1. Inovis website allowing company reporting; and
2. Usi's use of Internet to manage our servers.

These services were discontinued during our prior shutdown, however, we are making every possible effort to keep that from happening this time. Over the weekend, we wrote a justification paper for maintaining those services and explaining the harm that would occur if we could not. That paper will be used by Mr. Cason this afternoon in discussions with the Special Master and DOJ.

So take heart and be hopeful! We are doing our best to stay out of this whirlpool. So for now, we are "business as usual" except you will need to use telephone to communicate outside our network and you should not be bothered by SPAM :-).

When I have a further update, I will let you know.

Phil

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From: Lambert, Barbara
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 5:42 PM
To: Spencer, Ralph
Subject: FW: Processing re TRO

Attachments: Doc1.doc



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-----Original Message-----

From: Sykora, Phillip
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2003 9:03 AM
To: Hamilton, Cathy; Davidoff, Robert; David Menard; Junius Walker; Katherine Martinez;
Mary Williams; Robert Prael; Deborah Gibbs Tschudy
Subject: Processing re TRO

The recent Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) prevented MMS from accepting June monthly reports from solids reporters but did not prevent normal processing of oil and gas royalty and production reports.

The Production and Royalty (P&R) reporting mechanism is a web-based application and was shut down on June 28, 2003, prior to normal month-end processing. Solids companies have been advised to make payments as required by lease terms and statutes but to forestall reporting until further notice.

Oil and gas reporting and payment proceeded normally. Most aspects of the oil and gas system are not Internet dependent and therefore could proceed under the terms of the TRO. DOI made a determination to allow continuation of two secure Internet services that are critical to MRM's financial operations, pending discussions with the Special Master. These include

- a web-based company reporting interface managed by Inovis, MRM's electronic commerce service provider; and
- connectivity required by MRM's operations and support contractor at the contract data center in Annapolis, MD.

Both of these connections are critical to operations and have been thoroughly evaluated and tested by the Special Master and found to be secure.

Kann, Gregory

From: Lambert, Barbara
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 5:43 PM
To: Spencer, Ralph
Subject: FW: Statement re recent shutdown

Importance: High

Attachments: Weekly Report Addl Item Royalty Processing 2 July 2003.doc

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From: Sykora, Phillip
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2003 9:47 AM
To: MRM FM Everyone
Subject: Statement re recent shutdown
Importance: High

I thought you might be interested in our statement about the shutdown. This time we argued to keep the Inovis connection and the PeopleSoft system up....so far so good.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hamilton, Cathy
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2003 12:10 PM
To: Sykora, Phillip
Subject: FW: Additional Weekly Report Item on Royalty Payments
Importance: High

Phil, fyi -- here's the info we sent forward, with the text slightly rearranged and a few edits. Nancy did leave the entire text in the report that was sent forward. Thanks for your quick response. Cathy

-----Original Message-----

From: Hamilton, Cathy
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2003 11:25 AM
To: Messer, Nancy
Cc: Querques Denett, Lucy
Subject: Additional Weekly Report Item on Royalty Payments
Importance: High

Nancy, attached is the item. It's probably a little longer than you want, but all the information is important. Please let me know if you need anything else. Thx. Cathy



Weekly Report Addl
Item Royalt...

MMS Oil and Gas Royalty Payment and Reporting Continues – Federal Judge Royce C. Lamberth issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) on June 27, 2003, in Cobell V Norton litigation. The TRO required the DOI to immediately disconnect from the Internet all information technology systems that house or provide access to individual Indian trust data.

DOI made a determination to allow continuation of two secure Internet services that are critical to MRM's financial operations, after discussions with the Special Master. The Department of Justice has requested a meeting with the Special Master to determine continuation of operations. Therefore, oil and gas reporting and payment proceeded normally. These include:

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- connectivity required by MRM's operations and support contractor at the contract data center in Annapolis, MD.

Both of these connections are critical to operations and have been thoroughly evaluated and tested by the Special Master and found to be secure.

However, the recent TRO does prevent MMS from accepting June monthly reports from solid minerals reporters. The average amount of solid minerals revenues collected each month by MMS is \$45.5 million. Of that \$45.5 million, \$5.5 million is from Indian leases.

The solid minerals Production and Royalty (P&R) reporting mechanism is a web-based application and was shut down on June 28, 2003, prior to normal month-end processing. Solids companies have been advised to make payments as required by lease terms and statutes but to forestall reporting until further notice.

Kann, Gregory

From: Ekholm, Craig

Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2003 7:22 AM

Subject: Internet Reconnection

To All MMS Employees -

The MMS has been granted authorization to reconnect to the Internet by the Associate Deputy Secretary. This reconnection is subject to review by the Court pending the submission of documentation regarding our network security. Thank you for your patience during this recent disconnection.

Bob Brown

Chief Information Officer